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## In the Specification:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A substantially solid biomolecular solder for joining tissue comprising a partially denatured biomolecule (e.g. protein or polypeptide). The solder can be formed into shapes, e.g., tubes, to suit the needs of a user. The invention also relates to methods for joining tissue and methods for preparing the solder.